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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: National Intelligence Officer for Warning

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SUBJECT: Report on 29 August 1988 NIO/Counternarcotics
Warning and Forecast Meeting

1. The 29 August 1988 Warning and Forecast Meeting featured: a presentation from our CIA's Office of General Counsel on current legislative initiatives on narcotics; a review of the Haitian drug situation; and a discussion of Brazilian narcotics issues.

2. Legislative Initiatives: [redacted] of the Office of General Counsel/CIA, discussed the House drug bill and mentioned that the Senate had just begun discussion of its own legislative package. The House bill calls for the establishment of a "drug czar," but does not give the position Cabinet status. [redacted] the "drug czar" issue would have to be hammered out in conference. The DoD authorization bill was also discussed with special emphasis on the fact that the bill contains provisions for 1) a DoD role in detection and monitoring interdiction and 2) a DoD role in the integration of C3I assets dedicated to interdiction.

3. Haiti: As stressed by CIA's Directorate of Intelligence, Haiti has become a major drug transshipment point with ships using ports in southern Haiti and aircraft using the north coast.

- There have been major seizures of cocaine over the past year in Haiti.
- The Haitian interdiction effort is severely hampered by lack of material and personnel.

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- There is virtually no drug enforcement in Haiti.
- A significant number of Colombian drug operatives have moved into Haiti.

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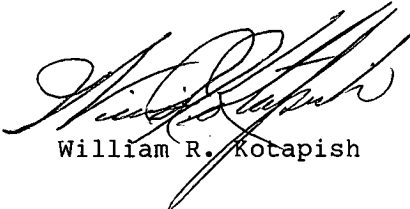
4. Brazil: The DEA representative painted a fairly grim picture of the narcotics threat in Brazil:

- There is some low grade coca growth in the northeast section of the country.
- Sophisticated HCl processing labs are being found in the country. The major labs are on the common borders with Peru and Bolivia.
- Coca eradication in northwest Brazil (the Dog's Head) is being carried out; little eradication of marijuana is being effected.
- Narcotics-related violence is on the increase.
- Brazilian nationals are becoming more involved in the processing of cocaine.
- Precursor chemical seizures are down; supplies are coming into Manaus from Surinam; Brazilian legal and enforcement measures have been somewhat effective in reducing use of Brazilian-produced ether and acetone.
- Brazil remains a major transshipment point for cocaine into the US and Europe.
- With 1000 percent inflation and other economic problems, the country will have fewer resources to commit to the narcotics effort in the future.

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